

SEWER WORK NOTICE

The Tewksbury Department of Public Works is currently conducting a study of the sanitary sewers within the Andover Street Pump Station tributary area for the purpose of locating sources of storm water inflow to the system. The study will locate direct and indirect connections such as catch basins, area drains, roof drains, broken sewer pipe and deteriorated pipe joints. One of the methods to be utilized is smoke testing of the sanitary sewer. Smoke testing will be performed by Flow Assessment Services, under subcontract to MPH Environmental, the Town's consulting engineer for this study.

During testing, white smoke is introduced through the sanitary sewer system via a smoke- generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located on the street and plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. **THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CAUSE FOR ALARM.**

Smoke should not enter your premise unless there is a dry trap in your basement floor drain or any unused plumbing fixtures. You may wish to pour some water down your basement floor drain or unused plumbing fixture to insure that the drain trap will be effective. Smoke could also enter the building through defective plumbing. The owner should note this because if odors were to develop in the sewer system, these odors may possibly enter your building through the defective plumbing.

Should smoke be detected within the building, **DON'T BE ALARMED.** The smoke is **NON-TOXIC AND NON-STAINING.** Simply ventilate the home and report the presence of smoke to the people conducting the test outside in the vicinity of your building. If possible, they will assist you in locating the source that allowed the smoke to enter the building.

Your cooperation is appreciated in this effort to provide you with quality sanitary sewer service for the lowest possible cost.

PLEASE NOTE:

- A) You are not required to be home when the testing is being performed on your street.
- B) Smoke testing will begin on Tuesday, August 18th and likely be finish on Wednesday August 19th.
- C) Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Pieter Hartford of MPH Environmental at 508-320-7269.

